

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions of claims in the application.

1. (Original): A toner binder for electrophotography
which comprises a polyester resin constituted of an alcohol component containing a polyoxyalkylene ether (A) of a bisphenol and an acid component,
the content of unreacted bisphenols in said polyester resin being 15 ppm or less.
2. (Original): The toner binder for electrophotography according to Claim 1,
wherein the polyoxyalkylene ether (A) of a bisphenol does not contain more than 15 ppm of unreacted bisphenols.
3. (Original): The toner binder for electrophotography according to Claim 1,
wherein the alcohol component contains 20 to 100 mol% of the polyoxyalkylene ether (A) of a bisphenol.
- 4-6 (Cancelled)
7. (Currently amended): A toner ~~binder~~ for electrophotography
which comprises the toner binder for electrophotography according to Claim 1, a colorant and, optionally, an additive.
8. (New): The toner according to claim 7,
wherein the polyoxyalkylene enter (A) of a bisphenol does not contain more than 15 ppm of unreacted bisphenols.

9. (New): The toner according to claim 7,
wherein the alcohol component contains 20 to 100 mol% of the polyoxyalkylene ether (A)
of a bisphenol.

10. (New): A process for producing a toner binder for electrophotography comprising a polyester
resin constituted of an alcohol component containing a polyoxyalkylene ether (A) of a bisphenol and an
acid component, which comprises the step of:

purifying said polyoxyalkylene ether (A) of a bisphenol by extracting with a solvent under an
alkaline condition, and/or by a treatment with an oxide and/or a hydroxide (B) of at least one metal selected
from the group consisting of aluminum, alkaline earth metals and alkaline metals in the presence of
water,

wherein said polyoxyalkylene ether (A) of a bisphenol is a C₂-C₄ alkylene oxide adduct of a
bisphenol.

11. (New): The process according to Claim 10,
wherein the oxide and/or the hydroxide (B) of at least one metal are/is hydrotalcite and/or a
silicate.

12. (New): The process according to Claim 10,
wherein the polyoxyalkylene ether (A) of a bisphenol contains 2 to 75 ppm of aluminum,
alkaline earth metals and alkaline metals in total.